Internet Society
Switzerland Chapter

Activity Report 2018

This is a list of all activities undertaken by the ISOC-CH Board and membership from April to March 21st 2019. The first section is "Board and Member Activities," followed by "Committee Activities," "Partnerships," and "Outreach."

Activities

Board Activities

27.4.2018 Annual General Assembly held in Bern, election resulted in a new Board.
Michael Hausding Chair, Markus Kummer- Vice-Chair for Internal Affairs
Richard Hill, Vice-Chair for External Affairs, Federico Galati Secretary & Protocol Coordination,
Marcel Waldvogel - Treasurer, Imai Jen-La Plante, Gabor Farkas and Panayotis Antoniadis

The board had 9 board meetings via teleconferencing in the last 11 months.

20.11.2018 ISOC Switzerland was a partner of the Swiss Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Bern. Markus Kummer, vice chair internal moderated a session about the digital human. The messages from Bern are sent to the regional IGF. Several other board members also participated in the IGF. https://www.igf.swiss/pdf/swissIGF_messages_2018_de.pdf

Project Activities

pEp

July 2018: ISOC-CH was receiving the second part of the Beyond the Net grant of 30,000 USD to work on the project entitled Implementing Privacy via Mass Encryption: Standardizing pretty Easy privacy's protocols and continued the project into its second year.

This two-year long project (June 2017-June 2019) will be undertaken together with the pEp Foundation in order to implement privacy by design. More specifically, the project aims to standardise pretty Easy Privacy protocols and help encrypt end-to-end all communication via close involvement in the work of the Internet Engineering Task Force.

12 December 2018: The fourth event in the [Values of Internet Technologies (VIT) workshop series](#) focused on the opportunities digitalization offers to mitigate current challenges of humanity. It took place at the [Centre d'Accueil Genève Internationale (CAGI)](#) and was attended remotely at [L200 in Zurich](#). More details are available here: https://www.isoc.ch/events/vit4

Network Blocking Education Campaign Small & Medium Grant

ISOC global granted the ISOC Switzerland Chapter a US$ 3'000 grant to finance the expenses that were used to show the negative impact of network filters.

Member Activities

ISOC Members attended the Human Rights film festival in Zurich on December 8 watching the movie "The cleaners" and the following discussion organized by ICT4Peace. https://www.isoc.ch/events/human-rights-film-festival-zurich-the-cleaners

ISOC-CH Committee Activities

[See Report of the PPAC](#)

Members

ISOC International had to get members consent to store and process their personal information for the membership. They asked members for their consent and excluded all members that didn't act or choose to leave. Due to the ISOC bylaw and the ISOC Switzerland Statutes that require a ISOC global membership for Chapter members, these member also lost their ISOC Switzerland Chapter membership.

The ISOC Switzerland chapter lost about 30 members that didn't act on ISOCs request, or choose to leave. Currently the ISOC Switzerland chapter currently has 148 active members.

Partnerships

Digitale Gesellschaft: https://www.digitale-gesellschaft.ch/
Stop Think Connect https://www.stopthinkconnect.ch/
pEp Foundation https://pep.foundation/
Internet Governance Forum:
http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/
Swiss Internet Governance Forum : http://swiss-igf.ch

L200 http://langstrasse200.ch

Outreach

Web site: The ISOC-CH received several upgrades over the past year. The website has social media buttons for articles to make sharing easier, and is partly available in French and German.

L200 membership: ISOC-CH became member of a Verein running a collective space in Zurich, L200, including activities on technology and the Internet. The remote participation to the 4th VIT workshop in Geneva took place at L200, and more outreach activities will take place in 2019 in the context of the Social ImpAct Committee.

Facebook

Facebook Group has 152 members now, 3 total new members since April 2017.

Twitter

971 followers, up 154 from 817 in April 2018.
Monthly reach varied from 4'600 impressions to nearly 81'300 impressions in March during the referendum campaign against network blocking. Hot topics included privacy and encryption, work with pEp Foundation, network blocking, gambling, and work with Swiss Parliamentarians.

LinkedIn Group

35 members up 7 from last year, low engagement

Press engagement

The committee against the gambling law that ISOC Switzerland joined, gained a lot of press attention during the referendum period.